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Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit Reopens After Renovation

A generous donation from the family of a former patient has allowed the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit at Miami Valley Hospital to receive a much-needed facelift.

The unit – the only one of its kind in the Dayton area – first opened in 1993 under the direction of current medical director Burhan Yanes, MD. The five-bed unit is home to patients who must stay there in almost total isolation for at least three to six weeks.

Renovations to the unit, formerly known as the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, include:
- new paint scheme, flooring and wall coverings,
- La-Z-Boy® recliners in each patient room,
- flat screen TVs with DVD players in each room, and
- refurbished nursing station and conference room.

Transplantation is an effective treatment option for several solid tumor cancers, lymphomas and leukemias. Miami Valley Hospital specializes in two forms of transplants: autologous bone marrow transplantation and peripheral blood stem cell transplantation. Both types use the patient’s own marrow or stem cells rather than a donor’s. The process includes harvesting (removing) the patient’s marrow or stem cells which are frozen and re-infused after high doses of chemotherapy or radiation are administered.

MVH also serves as collection center for the National Marrow Donor Program and works closely with the Dayton Community Blood Center. To learn more, call the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit at 937/208-6360.

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MedWork Celebrates 20 Years

MedWork Occupational Health Care has been providing quality injury care and occupational health services to the Dayton area for 20 years.

The professionals of MedWork understand the relationship between job functions and the physical capabilities of an employee. They know this relationship is vital in formulating a treatment plan for an injured worker, or for evaluating their pre-placement physical exam.

MedWork is a certified BWC medical provider, and medical director Dean Imbrogno, MD, (pictured) is board certified in occupational medicine.

MedWork offers two locations at 725 S. Ludlow Street (main office) and a satellite location at Samaritan North Health Center at 9000 N. Main Street in Englewood. For more information, call 937/208-6790.

Unique in Dayton, MedWork services include management and treatment of work-related injuries, physical therapy and ergonomic evaluation, return-to-work and independent medical exams, drug and alcohol testing, timely results reporting, employment exams, OSHA medical surveillance, and on-site employee health and clinical services.

We Care Seminar: Helping You Plan for Your Health Care Future

Miami Valley Hospital (MVH) is now offering a free seminar called “We Care” which provides the opportunity to learn about planning for medical care in advance and preparing for a hospitalization. The seminar is led by the Palliative Care team at MVH, which consists of registered nurses who provide information and support regarding advance directives and other end-of-life issues.

This seminar may be for you, a loved one, or someone you know who:
- is living with a chronic disease;
- is living with a terminal or serious illness;
- has relatives or friends who are in their senior years of life; or
- has an interest in learning more about advanced directives.

The We Care seminar is available at no cost and is offered at times and locations convenient for you. Participants also have the opportunity to prepare Advance Directives free of charge.

Discussion topics include:
- Preparing for an unplanned hospitalization
- A review of documents to bring to the hospital
- Doctor list
  - Past medical history
  - Medication list
- Living Wills
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- Who to select?
- Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders
- Communicating your wishes and desires to your family and doctor

If you are interested in learning more about the We Care seminar, please contact the Palliative Care Department at 937/208-5287.